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10 Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FUNNELING USER RESPONSES IN AN
INTERNET VOICE PORTAL SYSTEM TO DETERMINE A DESIRED ITEM OR
SERVICE

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

25 This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated October 30, 2002 in the
above-identified patent application.

Please amend the application as indicated below.

30 In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 17 as follows (Clean copy):

17. A voice portal configured to funnel user responses to determine a desired item or service, the voice portal comprising:

35 means for performing the step of:

(a) establishing an attribute value associated with a particular attribute of a desired item or service; and

means for performing the step of:

(b) determining if the attribute value satisfies an end state, wherein if the end state is not satisfied, performing steps (a) and (b) with a new particular attribute.